



Early Journal Content on JSTOR, Free to Anyone in the World

This article is one of nearly 500,000 scholarly works digitized and made freely available to everyone in the world by JSTOR.

Known as the Early Journal Content, this set of works include research articles, news, letters, and other writings published in more than 200 of the oldest leading academic journals. The works date from the mid-seventeenth to the early twentieth centuries.

We encourage people to read and share the Early Journal Content openly and to tell others that this resource exists. People may post this content online or redistribute in any way for non-commercial purposes.

Read more about Early Journal Content at <http://about.jstor.org/participate-jstor/individuals/early-journal-content>.

JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books, and primary source objects. JSTOR helps people discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content through a powerful research and teaching platform, and preserves this content for future generations. JSTOR is part of ITHAKA, a not-for-profit organization that also includes Ithaka S+R and Portico. For more information about JSTOR, please contact support@jstor.org.

PAPER LEAGUES

SIR,—

It is unfortunate that current discussion regarding international relations has focused upon a League of Nations and has lost sight of the following underlying facts which demand recognition:—

1—An elastic and sufficient League of Nations composed of societies which adhere to the basic principles of International Law exists and has existed for generations.

2—International Law, approximating in its broad principles the Law of God, furnishes a better standard upon which nations can govern their relations, than can be provided by commitments of the Peace Conference.

3—The war, fiercely fought out on moral issues, has established the Law of Nations which whining publicists were ready to entomb. It has revealed an unsuspected power in law-abiding states which recognize their international obligations and are swift to act.

4—The surprises of an exigent period have shocked the race into recognition of national wickedness and righteousness, and made it suspicious of elaborate programmes which can be used to mask treacherous designs.

5—The fight against autocracy has discovered new and relentless foes. These are anarchy and socialism. The latter, although endorsed by many amiable persons, is a sworn enemy of freedom.

These facts contain in themselves matter which discredits any plan for a convention-made League which is less flexible than that which already binds nations having regard for righteousness or law in an offensive and defensive alliance. The same facts represent a world impatient of experiment, tolerant of universal laws which the human conscience endorses, and suspicious of mechanical efficiency. It is foolish to offer labored and shackling programmes of German-like ingenuity to states which have vindicated their right to freedom.

Before 1914, free peoples did not realize the danger that lurked in compacts with ambitious Governments. There was much regard for form. Pedantry flourished. Men saw in a glass darkly. Now they are seeing face to face. As a consequence, it will not be strange if nations that have suffered by the ambitious action of renegade states, prefer joining in coalitions for mutual defence or the safeguarding of defined principles (a necessary and desirable course), to elaborating vague plans for the perpetuation of peace. That there is danger in any other course is obvious from the experience of the past. Paper Leagues have always failed, notwithstanding the fact that they have frequently sought ends far more concrete than those that are now advocated.

BOSTON, MASS.

DANIEL CHAUNCEY BREWER.

FROM A SOLDIER'S MOTHER

SIR,—I am just in receipt (Feb. 21) of a letter from my son, Sergt. Victor Marks, 41 Labor Co., A. S. C., American P. O. No. 915, American Expeditionary Forces, Nancy, France, under date of Jan. 25th, which reads in part as follows:

"Was certainly disappointed today not to have received a letter